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For: SWITCHING GAS DAMPER FOR LOW VOLTAGE POWER CIRCUIT BREAKERS

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, DC 20231

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Sir:

The following preliminary amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application.

IN THE ABSTRACT

Please replace the Abstract with the attached revised Abstract.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please replace the original claims with the following new claims:

1. (Amended) A switching gas damper for low-voltage power circuit breakers, arranged as an attachment above the arcing chambers for at least one of additional damping, deionization and cooling of the switching gases, the attachment, comprising:

a cuboid enclosure with a front wall, a rear wall and a cover, wherein the cover is designed to be closed and a bottom including separate inlet openings is provided for receiving switching gas flows from each arcing chamber in the low-voltage power circuit